



## Les Animals Ventoux Fourmi Rouge - 2023



### PRESENTATION

We search for the most suitable terroirs to produce a fresh and fruity wine. Unpretentious, this is the archetypal pleasure wine. Authentic, genuine and tasty.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage is characterised by a beautiful climatic balance, which is reflected in the cellar. The mild winter was followed by a dry spring then a hot summer, particularly in August and September. Despite a slight lack of rain, these conditions allowed ideal ripening and the harvest began on August 22nd in perfect conditions. Under a warm and radiant sun, the harvest went perfectly, even if it was necessary to work quickly to prevent the juices from oxidizing in the heat, particularly the rosés. The harvest ended on October 4, with the last de-vatting on October 23. The first tastings reveal very balanced wines: they are rich, powerful and have good concentration, while having retained a beautiful freshness. A vintage that shows great potential.

### LOCATION

The vineyards are located on the slopes of Mont Ventoux. The altitude offers freshness, which provides a good acidity level to the grapes. The wine is, therefore, fresh, fruity and well balanced.

### TERROIR

This varies according to altitude but consists for the most part of deposits left around the base of the chalky Mont Ventoux by the seas of the Tertiary period. Red Mediterranean soils blend with chalk debris and round stones.

### AGEING

Each grape variety is harvested and vinified separately in order to respect the maturity of each varietal. The harvest date is determined by analysis and tasting of the berries. Upon arrival in the cellar, the grapes are destemmed and crushed. The extraction is done during fermentation in cement tanks with pumping over. After fermentation, the wines are racked and then blended before aging for 10 months.

### VARIETALS

Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache, Syrah

### SERVING

17°C with a spontaneous meal and for enjoyment.

### TASTING

Seductive clear and intense ruby-red colour, with shiny reflections. The nose reveals fresh and delicious notes of red fruits such as cherries and blackberries, subtly highlighted by notes of thyme and a hint of mint. These gourmet aromas continue on the palate with tasty notes of black fruit, supported by beautiful freshness, a velvety texture, and soft and silky tannins. A wine of great drinkability.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

A red fruit Pavlova or chocolate fondant will highlight the deliciousness and structure of the wine.

